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GROUP 1700 Attorney's Docket No. <u>000348-201</u>

In re Patent Application of

Savine BOCKEL-MACAL et al

Application No.: 09/759,265

Filed: January 16, 2001

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FOR THE OPTIMIZATION OF
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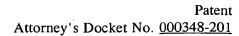
Confirmation No.: 1132

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.





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| Eı | nclosed is a reply for the above-identified pa | tent | application. | | | | | |
| [| A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed. | | | | | | | |
| [| [] A Terminal Disclaimer and the [] \$55.00 (2814) [] \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed. | | | | | | | |
| [|] Also enclosed is/are | | | | | | | |
| [|] Small entity status is hereby claimed. | | | | | | | |
| [| Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$375.00 (2801) [] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). | | | | | | | |
| | [] Applicant(s) previously submitted requested. | , c | on, for which c | ontinue | ed examination is | | | |
| [| exceed three months from the filing of t | Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed. | | | | | | |
| [| A Request for Entry and Consideration (1809/2809) is also enclosed. | of Su | ubmission under 3° | 7 C.F.I | R. § 1.129(a) | | | |

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- [X] No additional claim fee is required.
- [] An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

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The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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